

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

By McCord

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joe Waggoner on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years in the work force; and

WHEREAS, Joe Waggoner is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for twenty years as Vice President and General Manager of Christus Gardens before recently taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure at Christus Gardens, Mr. Waggoner dedicated ten of his professional years as General Manager of the Lost Sea Caverns in Sweetwater; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in, and lending his leadership skills to, a variety of worthy organizations, including service as President of the National Cave Association, President of the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, President of Southern Highlands Association, and President of Gatlinburg Attractions Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Waggoner has contributed his time and numerous talents as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hotel Motel Association, member of the Southeast Tourism Society, which named Christus Gardens Attraction of the Year in 2001, President of the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce and an active Board Member for many years, Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board for the Department of Tourism for the city of Gatlinburg, and an active member of the Tennessee Tourism Roundtable and Tennessee Attraction Association; and

WHEREAS, Joe Waggoner exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Mr. Waggoner devotes much of his free time to volunteer work and traveling; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Cathy, and spends a great deal of time with their two beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Joe Waggoner demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Joe Waggoner our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank him for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee as Vice President and General Manager of Christus Gardens, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.